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COMMUNITY POLICE ACADEMY – PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Burlington Police Department's Community Police Academy is a free program designed for citizens of Burlington and members of the business community to take an inside look at their Police Department, policing in the 21st century, and contemporary law enforcement operations. The complexity, scope, and depth of the issues that exist on the public safety landscape are enormous. The goal of the academy is to give participants hands-on insight to complexity of contemporary police operations, the challenges, and opportunities in providing core public safety service to the community.

The course curriculum will include such topics as:

- An overview the Department Operations, initiatives, partnerships, organization, community policing and problem solving, media and public information, and law enforcement training (including organizational and individual resiliency in contemporary law enforcement)
- Patrol Procedures ranging from stopping vehicles to basic tactical skills
- Criminal Law & Criminal Procedure
- Motor Vehicle Law
- Juvenile Law
- Response to Resistance / Use of Force
- Special Units and programs such as Police Canines, Crime Scene Processing, Drug Investigations, Sex Crimes, Recruitment, Honor Guard, Field Training, Community Support, Victim Advocacy, Street Outreach Intervention, Volunteers in Police Service, Parallel Justice, Community Justice Center, and others
- Ride-A-Long field experience
- Review Scenarios – putting it all together

Program requirements:

- Participants are expected to attend a 7-week program with classes on successive Wednesday evenings at 6 pm (each approximately 3 hours in duration).

- There are a limited number of openings available for this academy. An application is required for consideration to participate, attached.

Criteria for selection:

- Burlington resident or employed in Burlington.
- No felony criminal convictions.
- No recent misdemeanor convictions.
- No pending criminal charges.
- Willingness to submit to a criminal background check.
- 18 years of age or older (or 16 with parents permission).

Questions or to apply? Please contact:

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Applications are available by contacting Ms. Caron by phone and on the department website (www.bpdvt.org).